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PETE BUTTIGIEG, MAYOR

The Mayor's Letter

Dear Employees:

One of the City administration's major goals is making sure the "basics are easy." Raising a family, sending kids to school, paying the bills, and going to work can be hard enough, and residents and businesses shouldn't have to worry about public safety and emergency response. The men and women of the South Bend Fire and Police Departments dedicate their careers to this goal and we should all be thankful for their efforts and sacrifices.

Still, violence—particularly gun violence—happens on our streets and threatens to disrupt the daily life of the people of South Bend. More alarmingly, many of the culprits are young people deciding between a productive life and a criminal life.

In April, my office convened an Anti-Violence Commission to focus on this serious issue in our community. With over 30 members from a diverse cross-section of law enforcement, judicial, civil society, education, faith, and public health sectors, the Commission's primary work will concentrate on gun violence intervention and suppression.

The Commission is chaired by Chief of Police **Ron Teachman** and Bishop Eddie Miller, a member of South Bend's Board of Public Safety. Through education, working groups, updated policing strategies, and communication, the Commission will attempt to reduce or stop the shooting in our neighborhoods.

Like any major community effort, the Commission will need all of us to contribute. If you witness any crime or hear a gun shot, call 9-1-1. If you would like to call the South Bend Police Department with non-emergency information, please call 235-9201. Together, we can send the message that gun violence will not be tolerated in South Bend.

Sincerely,



Mayor Pete

South Bend Unveils New CNG Trucks

Earth Day, April 22, was filled with exciting news for our Solid Waste Division. As part of the Indiana Clean Diesel Road Show, the City announced the arrival of four compressed natural gas (CNG) refuse trucks. These trucks are the first installment of a new solid waste transportation efficiency plan that saves money, utilizes domestic fuel, and promotes environmental stewardship.

Acquired in part from an Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM) grant – applied to the purchase of two of the four trucks – **the city stands to save \$50,000 per year in fuel costs alone, while making a significant reduction in carbon emissions.** Their arrival was a collaborative effort from the Solid



Waste Division, Central Services, and the Municipal Energy Office.

Monday's events included IDEM's Dieselwise Grant announcements, as well as learning opportunities about the health implications of diesel emissions, provided by the Indiana Clean Diesel Coalition and South Shore Clean Cities.

This is one of three Road Show events for South Shore Clean Cities.

For more information regarding the events please see <http://www.southshorecleancities.org/events.php>.



Mike Schmuhl, Jon Burke, Eric Horvath, and Andre Price at the press conference



Citywide Anniversaries

March 2013

addition:

20 Years—1993

Karen Plencner Fire Dept

April 2013

25 Years—1988

Mark Chabot Police Dept

Eric Rzeszewski Police Dept

Terrence Santa Police Dept

Keith Schweizer Police Dept

15 Years—1998

Shalon Davis Mayor's Office

10 Years—2003

Russell Lupica Police Dept

Andrew Nowak Police Dept

Sheldon Scott Police Dept

Neil Graber Police Dept

Barbara Chlebowski Code Enforcement

Ryan Dustin Water Works

5 Years—2008

Billy Wells Street Dept

Thomas Whitaker Street Dept

Patrick Henthorn Engineering Dept

Jeremy Siade Police Dept

Eric Kelly Police Dept

Nicholas McKinley Police Dept

Andrew Witt Police Dept

May 2013

40 Years—1973

Bernard Crothers Park Dept

10 Years—2003

Richard Grundtner Eng Dept

Pamela Szymanski Police Bldg Maint

5 Years—2008

Daniel Schaefer Park Dept

Rebuilding Together 2013

Neither snow, nor sleet, nor cold kept the faithful volunteers from working on homes for those needing help. Despite the weather, hundreds of volunteers turned out on Rebuilding Together's April 13 Community Volunteer Day to repair, paint, and freshen up homes and yards in the West Side-LaSalle Park neighborhood.

More than 100 City employees from Building, Code Enforcement, Community Investment, Fire, the Mayor's Office, Parks, Police, Solid Waste, Streets, and Water Works assisted by organizing the event, delivering and picking up materials and lunches, and cleaning up the neighborhood. A big **thank you** to all of the



employees and other volunteers for your service! Cards have been coming in from those who were helped expressing their appreciation.



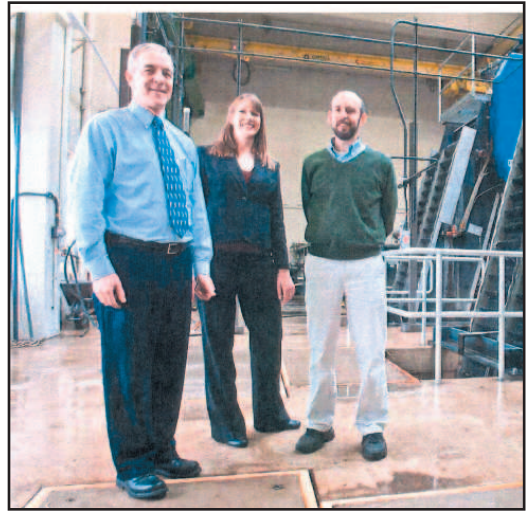
South Bend and Notre Dame will research the Use of Peracetic Acid for Disinfection of Combined Sewer Overflows

South Bend currently is under a consent decree from the EPA to minimize its CSO discharges and disinfect all overflows. The design of the facilities must begin by March 2014 to avoid fines. Based on current technologies, these measures are expected to cost the City around \$300 million over the next 20 years. The proposed research will provide key information to South Bend, as well as to other communities with CSOs in Indiana and nationwide. The United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), pursuant to the Clean Water Act, requires cities with combined sewers to minimize discharges. Some communities are required to disinfect any wastewater prior to discharge. EPA's CSO Control Policy provides guidance on how communities with combined sewer systems can meet Clean Water Act goals in as flexible and cost-effective a manner as possible.

Many older cities in the United States have combined sewer systems, where the same pipe collects storm water and wastewater. During periods of heavy rain or snowmelt, the combination of wastewater and storm water can exceed the capacity and are designed to overflow and discharge excess wastewater to receiving water bodies. These untreated discharges are called combined sewer overflows (CSOs).

Wastewater disinfection can be provided by chemical or physical mechanisms. Common chemical disinfectants include gaseous chlorine, liquid sodium hypochlorite, chlorine dioxide, and ozone. Ultraviolet radiation is the most common physical disinfectant. While these processes are cost effective and efficient for continuous disinfection of water and wastewater in a centralized location, they become more expensive and less efficient for sporadic, high-volume discharges like CSOs because they have higher capital costs, are more subject to chemical decay and may create more carcinogenic byproducts when applied to CSOs.

Peracetic acid (PAA) is a potentially more cost-effective and environmentally friendly disinfectant. Advantages include



Al Greek, Division Director of Environmental Services, **Becky Schaefer**, Associate at Greeley & Hansen, **Robert Nerenberg**, Associate Professor Civil & Environmental Engineering & Earth Science

low capital costs, stability of the chemical over time, lower doses needed and low amounts of PAA residuals. Disadvantages include the release of small amounts of biodegradable organics (vinegar) and a relatively high material cost. However, the overall costs are lower, given the infrequent usage and lower capital costs. Despite its potential benefits, there is little experience with PAA for the disinfection of CSOs. This research will investigate the efficacy of this non-conventional disinfectant for combined sewer overflows (CSOs) in South Bend. The work will also provide a community-based research experience for Environmental Engineering undergraduate students at Notre Dame, and it will develop an ongoing relationship between Notre Dame engineering faculty and the City.

Adopt a Pet

Atlas

Chihuahua Mix, Pet ID: A19491131

Atlas is approximately 2 years old. He is an unneutered male and is very active, friendly, and well socialized. He walks well on a leash. He is curious about his surroundings but prefers to be in your lap or on your shoulder. Atlas appears to get along well with dogs and children. He is up to date on his bordatella and distemper combo vaccine. He requires a rabies vaccination prior to adoption.



Sheeba

Domestic Short Hair Mix, Pet ID: A19480925

Sheeba is a two year old feline. She can be shy and unsure at first, but she soon warms up to you. She is current with the fel-o-vax shot, but will require a pre paid rabies certification before adoption.



Employees' Corner

Administration & Finance

Congratulations to **Cecil Eastman** for being nominated for the Department of Administration & Finance's Penguin Award! Cecil was nominated for so graciously and cheerfully helping others in his department and throughout the City with the new Microsoft Excel program.



Community Investment

We welcomed **Tawnya Carroll** to our department in March. She is an Analyst for the Neighborhood Engagement Team, working with federal grants and Rebuilding Together. Tawnya received her Masters in Urban Planning & Policy from the University of Illinois at Chicago. She has hit the ground running and is a great addition to our city.



Bill Schalliol joined us as a summer intern for two summers while in college, went on to work for Mishawaka for four years and then came back to us for another twelve. Bill tackled many big projects – the Coveleski Park Neighborhood, the Airport Development Area and the Erskine Hills Shopping District, to name a few.



The last 4 1/2 years he has commuted to Valpo University to pursue a law degree while working here. Sleep seemed to be a distant memory as he juggled work, the long commute, late night studying and family life.

April 1 he began his new career as a Deputy Prosecuting Attorney doing appeals work at the St. Joseph County Prosecutor's Office. We wish him all the best and trust the future will be a little easier on him. Thanks, Bill, for all your contributions to the City! We miss you, but will see you in the building.

Legal Department

We welcomed **Beth Ferrettie** in April to our department. She brings an extensive amount of experience as a legal assistant in private law firms and corporations, and as a deputy clerk in our courts. We are fortunate to have someone with her skills helping with numerous legal tasks, and someone as pleasant as she is at our front desk. Please make Beth feel welcome as she begins work with us.



Mayor's Office

Kara Kelly just joined the Mayor's Office as the new Communications Director. She came from the Uni-

versity of Notre Dame School of Architecture, where she served as Director of Communications since 2001.

With more than a decade of working with preeminent architects and urbanists at the School of Architecture, she holds a deep understanding of what it takes to revitalize a city. Kara's experience and enthusiasm for South Bend will help this administration build on our strengths to create a more vibrant future.

At the School of Architecture, her role included publicizing the Richard H. Driehaus Prize at the University of Notre Dame, a \$200,000 annual award to honor a preeminent classical architect. Kelly also oversaw two annual publications and developed online content for both the School of Architecture and the Driehaus Prize. She is the editor of *Timeless Architecture*, forthcoming in 2013 from the London-based Papadakis Publisher.

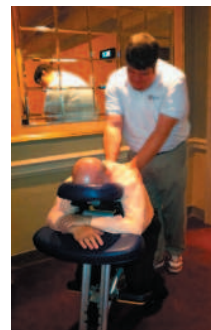
A graduate of Saint Mary's College, Kelly has been honored by the Publicity Club of Chicago and the Council for Advancement and Support of Education. Prior to joining the University of Notre Dame, she served as a publicist for Ave Maria Press, developing national publicity campaigns for Sorin Books, the publisher's general-trade imprint. She is also a former assistant editor for *U.S. Catholic Magazine* in Chicago.

"This is an exciting time in South Bend," Kelly said. "The Mayor and his administration have generated great enthusiasm and optimism throughout the city. I'm honored to have the opportunity to join them as Director of Communications and help spread the word about South Bend's success."



Morris PAC

At the Lunch n' Learn held on Thursday, April 18, at the Morris Bistro, participants received chair massages by Preventive Medicine, PC. Pictured here is **Dennis Andres**, Executive Director at the Morris Performing Arts Center, enjoying the massage. Dr. Pinto also spoke to the group about the advantages of acupuncture, answered questions and demonstrated acupuncture techniques on those who volunteered.



Organic Resources

Our condolences go out to **Christopher Seddon** of Organic Resources on the passing of his mother, Darlene Seddon. Darlene passed away on February 2, at her home surrounded by her family.

submitted by Kim Cox

New Rain Garden At WWTP

The ND chapter of "Engineer's without Borders" is a service club interested in local, national and international engineering related issues, comprised of students mostly majoring in mechanical, electrical, civil, environmental, and chemical engineering. One of its local volunteer projects was to assist the City of South Bend with building a full scale model city rain garden at the wastewater treatment plant. The program began with a presentation to the group at one of their weekly meetings outlining how a rain garden works, its benefits, and how it is designed and constructed.

The students then came on Saturday, April 27, to find out what construction steps were taken during the week prior. Staff and equipment from the city street, sewer, organic resources, and environmental services departments worked together to prepare the sub surface earthwork and piping. The students were then prepped on the different types of plants and methods of planting. Engineering drawings (prepared by Cardno Environmental) with planting plans were given to each student for them to follow. They installed the different species of plants in the afternoon. Overall, there will be around 900 plants at the rain garden.

The benefits of on-site stormwater storage facilities are many: reduces storm waters from discharging into a stormwater collection sewer, resulting in smaller sewer pipes; recharges underground aquifers; utilizes soils as a natural filtration system; keeps solids from entering into surface waters (sands, salts, grass, leaves, trash, cigarette butts); biological reduction of e-coli and fecal coliforms from in-ground microbes; nitrogen and phosphorus removal by plant uptakes; metals reduction through absorption from charged soil particles; increase overall surface water quality; enhances landscape aesthetics; minimizes standing/stagnant water (Mosquito breeding sites); creates a habitat for birds and butterflies; reduce the hydraulic capacity of a wastewater treatment plant (combined sewers)

We appreciate all their hard work and everyone will reap the benefits!

submitted by **Rick Smigielski** (Environmental Services)



A Little Name Dropping...

Welcome March 2013

Tawnya CarrollCommunity Investment
Shubhada Kambli Code Enforcement
Geri Pawelski.....Legal Department
Cherri Peate..... Mayor's Office
Jennifer SmithBuilding Department

Resignations March 2013

Charles Hurley Police (1 year)
Michael Hutchinson.....Central Services (11 months)
William Schalliol..... Community Investment (12 yrs 2 mos)
Catherine Toppel..... Code Enforcement (15 yrs 9 mos)

Change of Pace March 2013

Tara BussellWater Works from Customer Service & Billing to Auditor I-Bargaining
Robert Joliff..... Sewer Department from Operator II to Heavy Equipment Operator I
Tracy UyheljiPotawatomi Zoo from Keeper II to Vet Tech
Jason WilsonSewer Department from Operator III to Heavy Equipment Operator I

Retirements March 2013

Thomas Mogerman.....Fire (16 yrs 0 mo dedicated service)
Richard Rozmarynowski.....Police (18 yrs 9 mos dedicated service)
Janice Taberski.....Police (13 yrs 11 mos dedicated service)



For more information on the following events contact:

CENTURY CENTER	9711
S.B.REGIONAL MUSEUM OF ART	9102
MORRIS PERFORMING ARTS CENTER.....	9190
PARKS/RECREATION DEPARTMENT.....	299-4765
NOTRE DAME	631-5031
ST. PATRICK'S COUNTY PARK	288-3472
NO. INDIANA CENTER FOR HISTORY.....	235-9664
ST. JOE COUNTY 4-H FAIRGROUNDS	291-4870

Century Center

- 5/1,8,15,22,29 Rotary Club of South Bend
- 5/2,9,16,23,30 Kiwanis Club of South Bend
- 5/5,12,19,26 New Life Deliverance Church Service, 10am
- 5/16 Age of Excellence Awards
- 5/25 Starlite Ball / Danceport on the Plaza

The Morris Performing Arts Center

- 5/8-19 Broadway's Wicked (16 performances)
- 5/12 Mother's Day Brunch (Palais Royale Ballroom)
- 5/12 Ted Nugent (Club Fever – Morris Box Office is selling tickets)
- 6/7 Fridays by the Fountain featuring *Duke Tumatoe*
- 6/9 WRBR's The Bear's Big Growl (St. Joseph County Fairgrounds – Morris Box Office is selling tickets)
- 6/14 Fridays by the Fountain featuring *Kennedy's Kitchen*
- 6/20 Gordon Lightfoot
- 6/21 Fridays by the Fountain featuring *Billy "Stix" Nicks & the Motown Review, R&B*
- 6/21 Oak Ridge Boys
- 6/22 South Bend Blues & Ribs Fest (Coveleski Stadium – Morris Box Office is selling tickets)
- 6/28 Fridays by the Fountain featuring *Jetta and the Jellybeans*
- 7/2 Alice Cooper Rock Concert
- 7/14 Harry Connick, Jr.

May 3 - First Fridays - Vintage Downtown

Come embrace the history of Downtown South Bend! Studebaker cars will be on display and The Roller Derby girls will be skating around town. Free Transpo Trolley Rides, 5:00–9:00 p.m. Hop on to get from place to place or just enjoy a ride! Trolley passes each stop approximately every 15 minutes. For all activities on Friday go to the website: <http://dtsbfirstfridays.com/vintagedowntown/>

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City Clerk.....	Mary Beth Wisniewski.....	9222
Code Enforcement	Deborah Mobley	9325
Common Council	Valarie Schey	5981
Communications		5853
Community Investment.....	Jenny Hullinger.....	5832
Engineering Department	Marcia Qualls.....	9251
Environmental Services	Mark Rzepnicki.....	277-8515
Central Services	Mary Wisniewski	9316
Fire Department		9255
Howard Pk Sr Citizens.....	Rose Kaufman.....	9428
Human Rights	Nancy O'Brien	9425
Legal Department.....	Ann Carol Nash.....	5867
Mayor's Office	Shay Davis	5850
Morris Perf. Arts Center.....	Karen King.....	5584
Park Department	Paula Garis.....	299-4778
Police Department.....	Barb Holleman	9311
Potawatomi Zoo	Pat Fenters.....	9800
Street Department	Ashley Rzepka	7563
Studebaker Nat'l Museum		9714
Water Works.....	Laura Vance	5650
Water Works.....	Jodie Spradlin.....	5663

If you have anything you would like to put into the paper, either contact your reporter (above), or you can fax it (235-9171) or send a typed or neatly printed copy to **Marcia Qualls (Engineering) or Mary Beth Wisniewski (City Clerk)** Please do not send anything without a name and phone number in case we have questions.



Sunday, May 19, 6:30–11:30am

An urban bike tour for riders of all ages and skill levels, riding side by side with family and friends. Approximately 30 miles (round trip) on vehicle restricted streets and trails in South Bend, Mishawaka and St. Joseph County. Ride as much... or as little as you like. Please visit: www.BiketheBend.com

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